

transmitting the content to a user terminal connected to the telecommunication network;

receiving, at the user terminal, at least one part of the content containing the apparatus

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Concl. identification information and the identification code over the telecommunication network;

extracting, at the user terminal, the apparatus identification information and the identification code from the received at least one part of the content;

judging whether the content is a legal copy or an illegal copy at the user terminal based on the extracted apparatus identification information and the identification code ; and

stopping reception and playback of the content at the user terminal when the content is judged an illegal copy.

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 2,

wherein the user terminal further performs receiving the apparatus identification information and identification code in advance, and

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cm wherein the judging judges that the content is a legal copy when an combination of the apparatus identification information and the identification code received in advance is the same as an combination of the apparatus identification information and the identification code extracted, and judges that the content is an illegal copy when the combinations are different.

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4. (Amended) The method according to claim 3 further comprising posting the received at least one part of the content on a electronic bulletin board to disclose, when the content is judged to be an legal copy by the judging.

6. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 further comprising:

creating the content; and

creating the identification code for uniquely identifying the content,

wherein the identification information and the created identification code are included

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in the content as electronic watermark information.

7. (Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein the identification information and the created identification code are encoded in advance as electronic watermark information.

8. (Amended) A content distribution control system for controlling distribution of content over a telecommunication network comprising:

a content receiving section which receives content;

an identification information adder which adds, to the content, apparatus identification information for identifying an apparatus by which the content is recorded and content identification information containing an identification code for identifying the content to transmit to the telecommunication network; and

a content distributing section which distributes the content and is connected to a user terminal via the telecommunication network,

the user terminal including:

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an identification information extractor which receives at least one part of the content containing the apparatus identification information and the identification code from the identification information adder over the telecommunication network and extracts the apparatus identification information and identification code; and

a legality judging section which judges whether the content is a legal copy or an illegal copy on the basis of the apparatus identification information and identification code extracted by the identification information extractor, said legality judging section stopping reception and playback of the content when judging that the content is an illegal copy.

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17. (Amended) The computer-executable program according to claim 16 further comprising receiving the apparatus identification information and identification code in advance,

wherein the judging judges that the content is legal copy when an combination of the apparatus identification information and the identification code received in advance is the same as an combination of the apparatus identification information and the identification code extracted, and judges that the content is an illegal copy when the combinations are different.

A5 20. (Amended) A recording medium that has recorded a computer-executable

program according to claim 15.

~~The following claims are submitted for consideration by the Examiner:~~

---21. A content recording apparatus comprising:

a data creating section which creates and records content in a predetermined recording medium; and

A6 Cr. + an identification information adder which adds apparatus identification information for identifying the content recording apparatus, to the content created at the data creating section.

22. A content recording apparatus comprising:

a content receiving section which receives content including apparatus identification information for identifying the content recording apparatus; and

a legality judging section which judges legality of the apparatus identification information included in the content,

wherein the legality judging section stops recording of the content when the apparatus identification information is judged to be illegal.

23. A content playback apparatus comprising: